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19 June 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Report to the WIA
Progress of the Office of Operations

1. General. During the period from mid-February through June the Office of Operations has directed its efforts toward the following general objectives:

By agreement with the War Department, the Documents Branch is to absorb the Special Documents Section and the German Military Documents Section of the War Department Intelligence Division. Arrangements have now been completed for the consolidation of these agencies within the Documents Branch.

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3. Problems. The principal problem of the Contact Branch is personnel. Recruitment of personnel beyond the Atlantic Seaboard is becoming increasingly difficult. Except for the ^{25X1A} [REDACTED] a great deal of travel is required for the proper performance of the duties of Contact Specialists in the inter-agency offices. Since the established per diem and other travel allowances are considerably less than one-half the actual cost of travel these days, Contact Specialists work at such a disadvantage they are finding it extremely difficult to make ends meet. In recruiting personnel it is impossible honestly to assure prospective employees that part of the pay we offer will not have to be used for travel purposes.

Inasmuch as personnel of the Contact Branch work directly with the public the uncertainty as to CIG's exact position and function is adversely affecting its operations. Recent newspaper articles about the Merger Bill and about CIG personnel changes have, in some instances, weakened the established friendly relations with commercial contacts. This has also had an adverse effect on

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attempts to persuade high-type civilian personnel to accept responsible positions with OIG.

DOCUMENTS BRANCH

4. Progress. From 10 February 1947 to 13 June 1947 the activities of the Documents Branch are summarized in the following tabulation:

Sacks of Documents Received	227
Sacks of Documents Processed	634
Documents Searched	82,790
Documents Loaned	576
Documents Processed for Libr. of Congress	38,628
Documents Processed for Office of Technical Services	11,872

Requirements for Translation or Research

Reports Completed	119
Translations Produced	41
Accession Lists Produced	58

5. Problems. No major problems are anticipated by the Documents Branch as a result of the absorption of the Special Documents Section and German Military Documents Section.

6. Immediate Prospects. Documents Branch is presently surveying worldwide sources of foreign documents to determine systems and availability of those of actual or potential intelligence value.

Principal efforts of the Documents Branch are concentrated on abstracting documents dealing with Russian industrial installations, and preparing industrial card files on this subject.

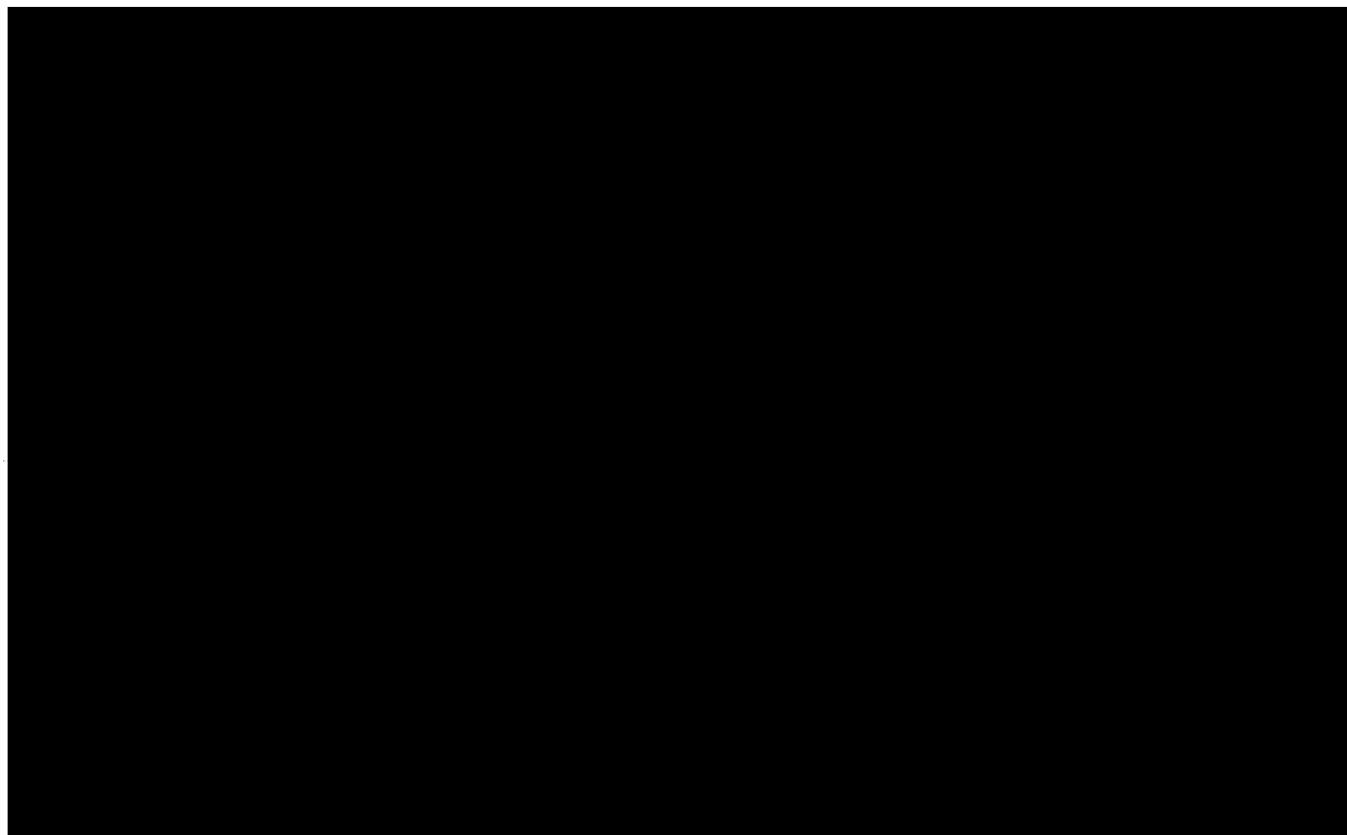
The Branch is currently commencing the abstracting of current periodicals (excluding the daily press) in cooperation with member agencies. This will absorb an increasingly large amount of time as the flow of captured enemy documents is exhausted, and provide a considerable flow of intelligence from a relatively untapped source.

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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION BRANCH

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A Special Reports Division in [REDACTED] has been established to prepare collections of foreign broadcasts on specific subjects as requested by consumers. This Special Reports Division prepared for the Secretary of State a Weekly Analysis of Soviet broadcasts concerning the German Treaty prior to the Moscow Conference. During the Moscow Conference it prepared a daily cable on Russian broadcasts. In addition, Special Reports have been prepared on such subjects as World Radio Reaction to the Truman Doctrine. At present weekly surveys of the Soviet Radio Broadcasts is published for use of the State Department, CIO and other agencies. The [REDACTED] is now distributed to 1356 individuals compared to 900 on February 1, 1947.

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8. Problems. The principal problem of the [REDACTED] has been to get its employees cleared through CIO security. This particular Branch has been

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under some Congressional attack as harboring disloyal employees and every effort is being made to clean it up at the earliest possible moment. Thus far 37 employees have been cleared, 5 employees who did not meet the conditions for employment in CIG have been dropped, and 4 additional employees have been notified that they are to be dismissed.

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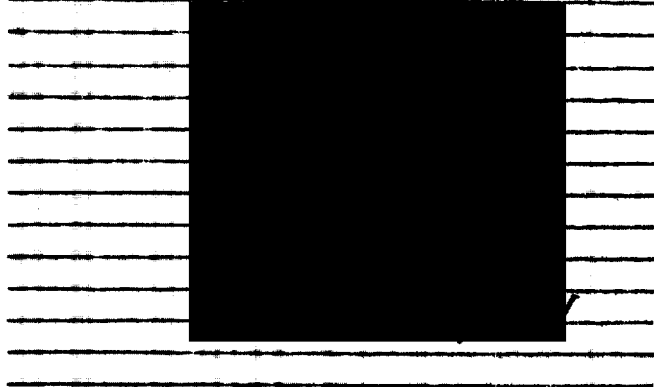
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